

"I'm not with you," said
 "Resist! Rogers (decisively)—Now! It's
 a poor rule to work at. —
 \$5 to Chicago and Return
 VIA THE WABASH.
 Tickets good going Saturday night, Sep-
 tember 7th. Ticket offices, S. E. Corner
 Broadway and Olive, and Union Station.

Dogs of War.
 There was a trial of German war dogs at
 Dreden recently, in which the dogs came
 off creditably. They kept
 up rapid and regular communication be-
 tween troops and outposts a mile away.

inst. at 10 o'clock p. m. from family residence,
2509 North Market street, to Sacred Heart
Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends
are invited to attend.

WINKELMANN—Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock,
after a lingering illness, Miss Winkelmann,
nee Schroeder, my dear beloved wife and our
mother, aged 55 years.

Funeral will take place from family resi-
dence, on Bottom road, Venetia Township, Ill.,
Saturday at 11 a. m. Relatives and friends in-
vited to attend.

FRED WINKELMANN, Husband, and Children,

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ONE MIND

Mutual Reserve Policy Holders Demand an Investigation.

A COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Officers Unable to Convince a Meeting of the Insured of the Justice of Increased Assessments.

The policy holders of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association who attended the meeting held at Germania Theater Wednesday afternoon voted to appoint an executive committee of five to collect a small assessment to defray the cost of bringing such legal action as may be deemed proper.

The association officers sent Vice-President Hollingsworth and Corresponding Secretary Patterson from the New York office and Manager of Agencies Robinson from Omaha. Judge Jones and his son, local attorneys for the company, were present.

The officials of the company were first invited to speak.

Mr. Hollingsworth endeavored to show that the association was justified by law in increasing the assessments according to age, and also that the company was not paying the maximum rates established in 1889. He did not promise that premiums according to age would not be increased in the future.

In the course of the reserve fund, he said that when the death losses were in excess of the amounts received from the assessments, the reserve fund must be increased or the company would be forced to pay out of the out of the reserve fund the difference between the expense of the association was provided for out of the reserve fund.

He spoke of the quinquennial bonds being a liability of the association. On being asked if President Patterson had paid a salary of \$50,000 a year he became indignant and denounced the statement as a lie. On being asked what the President was paid, he said he did not know; that the president had been paid a salary of \$50,000 a year, but he did not think it was a fair salary for the services rendered.

Later Mr. F. H. Bacon, Judge McKelhan and others confronted Mr. Hollingsworth's statements with counter statements taken from the report of the State Department, New York State Insurance Department, namely, that the company had paid the fees paying the expenses of the association, and that since 1889 not all of the assessment receipts had been paid to the reserve fund; that the bonds and bond statements issued were not charged as liabilities, and were not recognized as such being redeemable only if the money was in the reserve fund at maturity.

Mr. Patterson followed Mr. Hollingsworth. He spoke directly to the issue and was most successful. Naturally he covered the same ground as Mr. Hollingsworth, but when defending the increase of assessments on policies prior to 1889, he was interrupted by a number of members who declared that the partial increase was made to keep in new members and freeze out the old ones.

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entry per table, adopted after the passing of the resolution referred to in accordance with this resolution all annual assessments on death claims since its adoption, in excess of the amount provided for by the current receipts applicable to the Reserve or Emergency Fund, have been paid out of the current receipts applicable to the Reserve or Emergency Fund. Over a million dollars of such moneys have already been paid in death claims since the year 1889, thus giving the policyholders an immediate benefit in the way of saving in premium to an extent of more than two million dollars.

The time has now come when the total receipts in Mortuary premiums, including the amount applicable to the Reserve or Emergency Fund will be insufficient to meet the payment of death claims, in consequence of which one of two things becomes inevitable. The Association must either provide means of obtaining a larger income for the payment of death claims or draw upon the accumulated Reserve or Emergency Fund; and, after mature deliberation, all the circumstances have been taken into consideration, and by the advice of experts, and at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York, the Board of Directors decided to reappoint the rates among policyholders insured prior to the adoption of the table upon which all business since 1889 has been written. A reappointment of rates has been decided, and the new rates to be considered was how such an appointment could be made equitably and justly. The plan adopted was to collect the amount indicated in the present Table of Rates, and to pay the balance of the amount at entry and the present age of the insured; for example: A person aged 40 at entry paid the amount indicated in the table of rates at age 40 instead of at 40, as heretofore. The action of the Board of Directors in this respect has the endorsement of perhaps the highest authority in the United States, a celebrated act of the Insurance Department of the State of Missouri.

A reappointment of rates having become necessary, and it being a fact that those who insured prior to the adoption of the resolution already referred to have not paid the full maximum rates even at age at entry, it was decided to adopt a plan which all business written since 1889 as those who insured since its adoption have paid the full maximum rates. The increased income required should be contributed by those who had received the advantage of the low rates of insurance in the earlier years of the existence of the association. That such members have received advantages in the past, and that the maximum rates at age at entry should be paid by any one who has taken the trouble to carefully examine the facts.

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Boys' School Clothes

Here is a lot of Boys' Suits, made specially for school wear—bought by us with school in our mind and bought cheap. You'll appreciate them when you see them, and to buy them is to tuck away in your pocket a dollar bill saved.

Reefer Suits, Junior Suits, Double-Breasted Suits, All at one price \$2.48

School Knee Pants, 49¢

Quilts, Special Drives for Friday, 39¢

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Fall Wraps.

Ladies' Broadcloth and Cheviot Serge Capes, Velvet collars, in black, navy, tan and gray, assorted sizes, worth \$3.00 each; Friday at \$1.50

Ladies' House Gowns. Figured Lawn, Dimity, Ginghams and Faded House Wares, balance of summer goods, average value \$2.50 to \$3.00 each; to close out Friday at \$1.25

Ladies' Suits. Lot fine Duck Suits, Eton style, worth \$2.00 to \$2.50 each; will close out Friday at \$1.00 (Skirts alone worth double the price asked).

Girls' School Jackets. Lot new Fall Reefer Jackets, braided seams, in tan, blue, navy, and black, worth \$1.00 to \$1.50 each; Friday at \$1.15

Ladies' Waists. Lot Laundered Waists, nice patterned, worth \$1.00 to \$1.50 each; to close out Friday at \$1.25

Toilet Articles. Friday. Package Toilet Paper, reduced price, 3¢

Finest Quality Package Toilet Paper, reduced from 10¢; Friday at 6¢

Celluloid Soap Tray, worth 5¢, 23¢

Large Splendid Chamomile Skins, regular price 75¢, 39¢

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REMNANTS and ODD LOTS

Cheap To-Morrow, Friday.

Ribbons.

This is next to giving them away. A large lot of Odds and Ends of Ribbon Remnants, from 1/4 to 1 yard in length, all colors, widths and styles, on Friday at 1¢ each

Lot No. 5 All-Black Mohr Ribbon, black only, 3 1/2¢ yard

No. 9 All-Black Satin-edge Ribbon, a beautiful quality, in black only, sold regularly at 12¢ yard, Friday at 7¢

Handkerchiefs. Big Bargains. Ladies' White and Colored Embroidered Scallop Handkerchiefs, fancy reversing, fine quality, worth 12¢ and 15¢, on Friday at 6¢

Men's White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, fancy reversing, fine quality, worth 12¢ and 15¢, on Friday at 7¢

A Friday Bargain in Fans. Ladies' Fine China Silk Fans, with painted and gilded decorations, extra value at 75¢ each, Friday only 48¢

Jewelry. Here's interesting BARGAINS in Jewelry for Shirt Waists. Silver or Gold Waist Sets, 6 pieces, worth 15¢, 9¢ set

Silver or Gold Stud Sets, with separable backs, 11¢ set

Parlour Sets, with separable backs, 15¢

Enamelled Waist Sets, 6 pieces, gilt or silver, 24¢

Sterling (925-1000 fine) Silver Waist Sets, 6 pieces, others price 75¢, 49¢

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Made Sheets.
Ready-made Bleached Sheets, 2 1/2 yards long and 2 1/2 wide, made of best Peppercorn sheeting, with extra wide hem—worth 60c each, Friday at..... **39c**

Embroideries.
10,000 yards Manufacturers' Ends of very finest Cambric Embroideries—perfect fitting, beautifully made in latest styles and fabrics—a great many dollar Waists among them. For 1 hour as above at..... **10c**
Friday at..... **15c**
Early comers get best choice.

Hosiery Snaps.
From 8 to 10 a. m. Friday.
Or as long as they last—choice of a lot of ladies' odds and ends of imported Cotton Hose, fine pin stripes and fancy colors, all best qualities, worth up to 30c a pair, Friday at..... **15c**

Child's Jackets.
All the remainder of that splendid lot of Child's all-wool Jackets, made with full sleeves and bound seams, for ages 1 to 14 years, worth \$1.50 each, Friday at..... **75c**

Dress Duck.
From 8 to 10 a. m. Friday.
Mill ends of Dress Duck, best quality, stripes and figures, dark and medium colors, worth 12 1/2c a yard, Friday at..... **5c**

Bed Spreads.
Good quality White Crochet Bed Spreads, Easily washed, worth 75c each, Friday at..... **39c**

Immense Special Sale of Muslin Underwear

At Half Regular Prices.
2000 dozen garments—just think of it—2000 dozen—comprising the entire Last Season's stock of a Great New York Manufacturer—closed out to us at about half regular value!

We always like to be frank and would give the name of this great manufacturer, had we not promised to protect him from the anger of other St. Louis houses who paid him nearly double for the same identical goods a few weeks earlier in the season. As a result of our grand purchase we can undersell other houses' Fine Muslin and Cambric Gowns, Chemises, Skirts, Drawers and Corset Covers at fully 25c to \$1.25 less on each garment.

These are all cut full, generously made and beautifully embroidered and lace trimmed, and not a garment among them that is not a Great Bargain!

To make quick work of the whole we divide it into six grand lots for Friday—each lot containing Gowns, Skirts, Chemises, Drawers and Corset Covers.

35c A GARMENT for the 59c and 69c Muslin Underwear.
49c A GARMENT for the 75c and 85c Muslin Underwear.
69c A GARMENT for the 98c and \$1.10 Muslin Underwear.

89c A GARMENT for the \$1.25 and \$1.35 Muslin Underwear.
98c A GARMENT for the \$1.50 and \$1.75 Muslin Underwear.
\$1.10 A GARMENT for the \$1.98 and \$2.25 Muslin Underwear.

Advance Arrivals of Dress Goods at Cut Prices.

10c a yard Friday for choice of 2 cases 36-inch Tricot in Navy, Brown, Black and Green, worth 19c.

25c a yard for choice of 75 pieces (our own importation), all pure wool French Serges, in all the new colors and black—cannot be duplicated anywhere under 40c.

49c a yard for choice of 25 pieces all pure wool Worsted Storm Serge, full 52 inches wide, in Navy and Black—the best value ever placed on our counters—only 5 yards required for a full dress pattern, worth 75c a yard.

A Lining Hurricane!

5c a yard Friday for manufacturer's 2 to 6 yard lengths of very best quality 40 inch Satin Linings, in all colors and black, worth up to 25c a yard in the piece.

2c a yard Friday for best Kid Finish Cambric, all colors and black, in 2 to 6 yard lengths (quantity limited).

Handkerchiefs.

4c each Friday for Ladies' Unlaundersed Very Sheer, Hem-stitched Hand-Embroidered, Initial White Handkerchiefs, worth 10c each (put up 6 in a package, no packages broken), each..... **4c**

Shirt Waists.

From 8 to 9 Friday a. m.

Choice of 220 odd Ladies' Shirt Waists—perfect fitting, beautifully made in latest styles and fabrics—a great many dollar Waists among them. For 1 hour as above at..... **39c**

All day Friday, to clear out the stock, we will sell the higher grades of Waists, including the \$1.25 "Peppercorn" and "Emery's," at..... **69c**

And the finest grades of best makes, including all the Chambrays and Zephyr Ginghams, worth \$1.75, go at..... **98c**

Millinery.

75c dozen Pinaud Tam O'Shanter Caps, worth 99c each, at..... **35c**

40c dozen new Stanley Caps, of blue serge, worth 29c each, at..... **19c**

Coque Feathers, black, and with jet edges—just right for now—worth 14c each, at..... **9c**

Nos. 7 and 9 All-silk Satin Ribbons, all colors, new goods, worth 12 1/2c and 15c a yard, at..... **7c**

Blankets.

Let others equal our Blanket Prices if they can!

186c pairs extra heavy quality and extra large wool white Blankets, slightly soiled from display, worth up to \$4.50 a pair, Choice Friday at..... **\$1.75**

1 case very fine Fancy Crib Blankets, in beautiful colorings and fancy borders, worth 75c a pair, Friday at..... **39c**

THIS FRIDAY

We start the Autumn Ball with A Vint! A Great Sale of Muslin Underwear! A Great Sale of Silks! Together with a thousand other items, only a few of which we have room to print—but which serve as mighty magnets to draw to our doors the crowds who seek good and reliable merchandise, and at such low prices as only the "Grand Leader" can name!

Flannelettes.

Mill ends of very best quality and latest fall style Cashmere Flannelettes, in the most beautiful stripes and figures ever shown, easily worth 12 1/2c a yard, Friday at..... **7c**

No Shoes
Like the "Grand Leader's."
No Bargains
Like the "Grand Leader's."

Friday,
\$1.25

Ladies' Dongola Patent Leather
Trimmed Hand-sewed "Romeros," all sizes, like cut, worth **\$2.25** a pr., Friday at..... **\$1.25**

Ladies' Tan and Black Oxford
Ties, all sizes, worth \$1.50 a pair, Friday at..... **98c**

Linens and White Goods.

All linen fast colored fringed Checked Napkins, worth 75c each, Friday at..... **4c**

The most mercurial of all cuts—164 pieces finest quality White Goods, embracing every design and style of check, stripe, (lace stripe, satin, checks, etc., not a piece in the lot worth under 15c, and many as high as 25c a yard, Friday at..... **7c**

All Linen Hemstitched Towels of extra fine quality, 17x34 inches, in plain white and with colored borders, regular value 15c, Friday at..... **10c**

Extra quality Turkish Bath Towels, size 24x42, worth 17 1/2c, at..... **10c**

Extra heavy strictly all-linen half bleached German Table Damask, 58 inches wide, worth 50c a yard every-where, at..... **35c**

Four Corkers in Hosiery and Knit Underwear

13c each of 2 for 25c Friday for Child's fine Jersey Ribbed Vests, with high necks and long sleeves—silk taped necks and pearl buttons, regular price 25c each.

15c a Suit Friday for Ladies' Jersey Ribbed Cotton, knee length, Union Suits—low (taped) necks and arms and sleeveless, regular value 35c.

17c a pair of 3 for 50c Friday for Child's imported 1x1 fast black, full regular made Ribbed Cotton Hose with white feet and double heels, heels and toes, just the thing for school wear, regular value 35c.

20c each Friday for Men's fine light weight Merino Undershirts, with silk-stitched necks and Ribbed Skirts and Drawers to match, regular value 50c.

Our Great Silk Sale

Is Only in Its Infancy.

Remember we bought the entire Silk Stock of the Japanese Silk and Fan Co. (510 Broadway, New York) at less than half regular value. Those who have not as yet taken advantage of this greatest sale of recent days should do so tomorrow, when the balance of the stock will be on sale.

See How We Slaughter the Silks.

15c A YARD Friday for all that is left of Japanese Silk Co.'s All Pure Silk Pongee, in all colors and black, including 55 pieces All Pure Silk Gaufrage Crepe, in beautiful floral designs; worth at retail 35c to 50c a yard.

25c Because of the big crowd we expect for this one item alone you will find it on second floor, where we have more room.

25c A YARD Friday for Japanese Silk Co.'s best quality 22-inch Jap. Silk, in every imaginable solid color and black, including 1 lot good quality Changeable Surah Satins, in 20 different shades and lustrous finish; regular retail value 50c a yard.

33c A YARD Friday for Japanese Silk Co.'s extra quality 28-inch Jap. Silk, in every color of the rainbow, including a full line of 25-inch Lyons printed designs, all of the very newest; nothing handsomer for Tea Gowns, Dresses and Silk Waists; regular retail value up to \$1.00 a yard.

Higher Grade Silks will go as follows:

59c worth **89c** worth **98c**
95c **\$1.35** **\$1.50**

Special Notice.

If you can match any of these items at anything like the prices we are ready to give you a Silk Dress free of charge.

Curtains and Drapery.

Genuine Scorchers!

That every one may have a chance to get here in time these will not be placed on sale until 9 o'clock Friday morning, and as long as they last we will sell 220 odd Swiss Tambour Muslin Curtains—all full lengths, and worth in pairs up to \$6.00 a pair—and a few pairs will match at..... **39c**

5c 90 pieces 36-inch Fancy and plain Silkolines, worth 10c and 12 1/2c a yard, Friday at.....

25c 500 All-wool, yard-wide Ingrain Carpet Samples—all 1 and 1 1/4 yards long—many pieces of a pattern worth up to 75c a yard—will be closed out..... **25c** Friday at (each)

There are lots of Grocery Stores in Town but not one dares make such Prices as Ours.

35 lbs Fancy Light Brown Sugar, \$1.00
25 lbs Granulated Sugar, \$1.00
Best American Sardines, can..... \$1.00
Finest XXX Soda Crackers, lb..... 5c
Best XXX Cream Cheese, lb..... 5c
Sugar-Cured California Hams, lb..... 7c
Cox & Gordon's Best Hams, lb..... 10c
The cheapest food on earth, new Dried Apples and Peaches, lb..... 5c
Premium Patent Flour, 56c sacks..... 4c
Standard Cider Vinegar, gal..... 10c
Our 16c French Sardines, cut to can..... 11c
16c Best Pure Laundry Soap, each..... 4c
Royal Soups, 15c cans cut to 13c
Fine Columbia River Salmon, can..... 4c
Best Core Oysters, can..... 6c
New Early June Peas, can..... 5c
New String Beans, can..... 5c
Choice Imperial Tea, lb..... 15c
Good Mixed Tea, worth 40c lb..... 35c
Fine Mixed Tea, worth 60c lb..... 35c
Crushed Fruit Ice Cream Soda..... 5c

CITY NEWS.

Private matters skillfully treated and medicines furnished. Dr. Dinaberg, 814 Pine.

ENORMOUS FALL TRADE.

It is Indicated by the Rush to Pay Customs at New York.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—The entry clerks in the custom house were overwhelmed with work yesterday from 8 a. m. until 3 p. m., when the business of the day is stopped. Importers clerks thronged the corridor waiting orders for the release of their goods. The Wilson bill has stimulated the demand for imports everywhere. The rush to pay customs is considered by Deputy Collector Corey as an indication of an enormous fall trade. He says he thinks the rush is only beginning, and that the new tariff law will more than meet the revenues of the Government.

OUR COMBINATION SUITS.

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HILL VS. WHITNEY.

Battle in Prospect for the Control of the New York Delegation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 4.—A fierce battle is in prospect between David B. Hill and William C. Whitney for the control of the New York delegation to the next Democratic National Convention. It is reported that Croker will use Tammany in the interest of the ex-Secretary. Politicians here do not deny that both Hill and Whitney are anxious for the Presidency.

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BIG LEGAL BATTLE

Will Be Fought Over the Chicago Metropolitan Elevated Railway.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—The entire system of operation and equipment of the Metropolitan Elevated Railroad Co. is attacked in a bill which has been filed in the United States Circuit Court. The bill is a brief one, but the charges and the defendants involved give assurance of a big legal battle.

The Siemens-Halske Electric Co., owners of the Ernest Werner Von Siemens patents, charges the Metropolitan company and its President, Robert E. Jenkins, with infringement in making use of the third rail system and peculiar contact device. The fight will be three-cornered as the General Electric Co., which equipped the Metropolitan company, will assume the defense. The General Electric Co. has a long experience with contested patent cases and both it and the Siemens-Halske company have recently unduly won which will back up their claims. As a temporary injunction or restraining order is prayed for, the case will be heard by Judge Johnson Monday.

It was freely hinted last night that the suit was the outcropping of Charles T. Sikes' warfare against his powerful West Side rival. This litigation which the Metropolitan company has been forced to defend. Sikes since it began operations in Chicago has been nearly continuous, but until the filing of this suit it was generally believed the rival companies had buried most of their differences.

BED 1,000 YEARS OLD.

Unique and Once Occupied by the Last Emperor of the Sing Dynasty.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—James Hudson of Washington, D. C., has placed a remarkable Chinese bed on exhibition in a big dry goods store on Fulton street. The bed is nearly 1,000 years old and was occupied originally by the Sing, the last emperor of the Sing dynasty. The bed weighs 2,600 pounds, is 7 feet 6 inches long, 4 feet 10 inches wide and 7 feet 8 inches high. It consists of forty-three separate pieces dovetailed together like a Chinese puzzle. Not a nail, screw, nor fastening of any kind is employed. The panels are of carved teak, with sandalwood, bamboo and ivory inlaid work. There are 1,100 figures representing the history of the Sing from the time of Tai-Tsu, their founder, in 860 B. C., until the Sing. The figures are as distinct and their expression as perfect as if painted by a master. It is worth \$11,000.

Many lines of men's suits at cost for cash at Humphrey's.

Fride and Starvation.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—The body of a man supposed to have died of starvation, was found lying on the stoop of 32 Tillary street by a patrolman of the Adams Street precinct yesterday afternoon. It was that of Samuel McKean King who, too proud to beg and without means or work, met death without a sign.

One Day in Chicago.

On Saturday night, September 7th, the Vandalia and Illinois Central lines will run an excursion to Chicago at the low rate of \$5.00 for the round trip, tickets good returning Sunday night, September 8th. Ticket offices, 100 North Fourth street and Union Station, St. Louis.

SMOKING MOUNTAINS.

Signs of Volcanic Eruption Shown by Mount Fujiyama.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Sept. 5.—By the Empress of China the following advices were received: According to Japanese papers Mount Fujiyama is expected to become an active volcano shortly. Smoke has been emitted freely of late, and the sand in the vicinity is hot enough to cook eggs in a very short time. The locality is known to have been volcanic, and for years past smoke has been emitted. The thermometer registered 92 deg. on the ground, stones being heated to such a degree that they cannot be touched. The Emperor of Japan has conferred on A. G. Shaw, the British Commissioner at Hawaii, the decoration of the Order of the Sacred Treasury.

On the 21st ult. 827 fresh cases and 408 deaths from cholera were reported from Japan. There were 20 cases and 14 deaths in Tokio and 4 cases and 2 deaths in Yokohama. Cholera is also spreading in Korea. The Japanese Consul at Vladivostok states that cholera of a mild type has broken out there.

The Japanese Foreign Office has received word that on the 24th ult. the Chinese papers from Japan were handed over to the Chinese authorities at Shinjiao and the Japanese officers in charge were entering at a banquet by Li Hung Chang. Gen. Viscount Takashima has been appointed Chinese Commander-in-Chief in Port Arthur. The subjugation of the islands still proves a difficult task, and thirty companies of infantry and some siege and mountain artillery are about to be sent forward. The number of troops on the island will then be over 40,000.

HER RED PETTICOAT.

With That Garment a Pretty New York Station Agent Flagged a Train.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Pretty Martha Garne is station agent at Mount Ivy, N. Y., and yesterday sparks from a freight train set her station house on fire. She and her brother saved such things as they could. Then the plucky station agent remembered that an east-bound passenger train was almost due. The track in front of the station was covered with debris and there was danger of an accident. All the flags were burned up in the fire. Then Miss Garne remembered her red petticoat. She sent her brother down the track with it, and he flagged the train. The passengers, who considered their lives had been saved, cheered Miss Garne for her pluck. A Hackensack millionaire who was on the train offered her \$10 for the petticoat as a souvenir. She declined the offer, saying that the garment would be sent to the office of the company and preserved among the other archives.

Chinese Schoolboys.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Two Chinese boys, 13 and 15 years old, living in Java street, Brooklyn, have started to the public school. A committee of prominent Americans, Dennis Kearney served notice on them that if they kept on coming to school they would be killed by the mob.

The Chinese boys stayed at home. But a lot of their school-fellows thought it unfair. Yesterday afternoon they called in a body of twenty Chinese and were a body-guard and took the little Mongolian school in triumph. By reason of the action of the body-guard had quashed all animosity and peace reigned complete.

See the men's suits selling for \$3.25 at Humphrey's.

THE SUGAR BOUNTY.

Controller Bowler's Decision Will Be Averse to the Planters.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 5.—A special to the Tribune from Washington, D. C., says: Controller Bowler of the Treasury Department will render his decision some time today or tomorrow in the sugar bounty cases. It will be against the sugar planters and will result in the refusal of the Controller to pay over to them the \$2,200,000 appropriated by the last Congress for bounty on sugar. The Controller refused to pay or approve of the claim of the Oxnard Beet Sugar Co. of Nebraska, which applied for its bounty under the congressional appropriation. This company's application had been favorably passed upon by the Internal Revenue Bureau, but the Controller refused to allow a warrant to be issued for the money, as he believed the appropriation was unconstitutional.

He consented to hear arguments, and on Sept. 4 a large number of the Southern sugar planters and the Western company sent lawyers. The Controller reserved his decision until the 10th inst. He has now given a review of the law, touching upon such cases, and of the arguments submitted, and has decided not to pay these bounties, asserting that Congress had no right to pass the original bounty law.

\$5 Chicago and Return \$5.

Via the Diamond special of the Vandalia and Illinois Central lines. Tickets good going Saturday night, Sept. 7, and returning Sunday night, Sept. 8. The only line affording a six mile ride along the beautiful lake front. Ticket offices, 100 North Fourth street and Union Station, St. Louis.

Chance for Subsidies.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

COLON, Colombia, Sept. 5.—The commercial and other interests are suffering immensely from lack of steamboats in the coasting trade of the Republic. Enterprising capitalists of the United States might make small fortunes in this line. The local Government offers a subsidy on the Western coast alone of \$6.00 per annum and a general Government subsidy will be given.

Argentina is sending to the United States to inspect factories of war material with a view to purchasing. She is also sending to Genoa for torpedoes boats.

\$5 to Chicago and Return \$5.

Via THE WABASH.

Tickets good going Saturday night, September 7th. Ticket offices, S. E. Corner Broadway and Olive, and Union Station.

VISITORS IN THE CITY.

L. H. Parish of Calvert, Tex., is at the Planters.

McCaffery of Detroit is stopping at the Planters.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Bond of Peru, Ind., have apartments at the Planters.

F. Alexander of Canton, O., is a guest of the Southern.

W. C. Langford, wife and family and Mrs. Gray Correll and children of Little Rock, Ark., are at the Southern.

A. J. Whitehead of Dallas and C. L. Gabe of Queen City, Mo., are among the prominent Texans at the Southern.

Henry Walker of Carthage, Mo., has rooms at Huey's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bump of Decatur, Ill., are stopping at the Southern.

T. J. Wright of Pittsburg, Kan., is a Lindell.

A. Lawrence of Ypsilanti, Mich., is at the Lindell.

See the men's suits selling for \$3.25 at Humphrey's.

ROYAL PAUPERS.

Resolution of Mr. Sexton to Exclude Them From Great Britain.

CARDIFF, Sept. 5.—At the session of the Trades Union Congress to-day the Parliamentary Committee was instructed to urge upon Parliament the passage of a bill declaring for the principle of payment of salaries to members of the House of Commons.

Mr. Sexton, a delegate from Liverpool, in answering a motion made for the adoption of a resolution in favor of prohibition of landing of pauper aliens, said that he wished to include within the scope of the resolution royal paupers who arrived without visible means of subsistence, but who soon found them. These, Mr. Sexton said, were the men who controlled the empire, while the poor British taxpayers had no rights at all.

PRESERVING THE PALMADISE.

A Scheme to Have Them Set Aside as a Military Reservation.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—The Commissioners appointed jointly by New York and New Jersey to devise means to preserve the Palisades, which are being gradually torn down to make concrete and paving stones, seem to think that the best plan is to have the plateau and the palisades set aside as a military reservation and turned over to the National Government for that purpose. This will not in any sense commit the Government to building a fort twelve miles long or any site, but will permit the occupation of the land for any use which may seem important.

Brides and Sisters.

LOUISIANA, Mo., Sept. 5.—There was a double wedding at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church last evening. The brides were sisters, Miss Mollie Caldwell was married to Dr. Frank Love and Miss Dorra Caldwell to Mr. Henry Murphy.

FAIRBURY, Ill., Sept. 5.—Miss Della West was married to Albert Hawitt and her sister, Miss Edith, to John Farley. They are daughters of John Wainman West.

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